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### DO THE CRITICS STUNT BROADWAY'S MONEY TREE GROWTH? / BY HENRY A. ZEIGER

Who are the six most feared men in the nation? The leaders of the Madia? Weird Communist agents plotting the destruction of the free world? Homicidal juveniles luxifing in doorways with switchbales at the ready? Nah. The six most feared men in America are the rumpled gentlemen whose faces bear perpetually pained expressions at the thought of the misery they have caused, who shuffle about their dread business in the bustle of the biggest city in the United States. The six the bustle of the biggest city in the United States. The six the bustle of the biggest city in the United States. The six the bustle of the biggest city in the United States. The six the bustle of the biggest city in the United States.

Actors curse them, authors quake before them, and even Mr. David Merrick, who could probably buy out all their employers with the profits of one of his hit shows, is occasionally moved to protest that these are reckless, nower-mad ecomanics whose every chance

word sows destruction.

The six men always protest that they wouldn't hurt a fly, that they love everybody, that they are overflowing with good will to men, yet the people of the theater regard them as omnipotent gods who control their world with a brush of the pen.

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for a serious play to stand any kind of a chance.

There is a standard package you can sell people, and

men: this means that they can be sent to an event and come back to the office to write copy about the event in time for the first edition. They are not, and they seldom pretend to be, anything else.

Their idea of their work is that they are just another guy who has been given a ticket to see a show and that their, opinion of it is no better than any other guy's. This conception does great credit to their modesty, but it is seldom modesty which we desire in a critic. A critic as supposed to know something dout what he is critically considered to the control of the control of

design. This does not mean that these men hurt the theater because they fail to guide its budding artists. The idea that the critic has much of an effect on practicing artists, the that the critic has much of an effect on practicing artists and the state of the state of the state of the state of the he wishes to project at no matter what cost, will not listen to anybody, Mediocrities listen to anybody, and in the theater this means that they are much more apt to get practical guidence form the likes of Mr. Hal Prince, Mr. Herman Shumin, or Mr. Kermit Bloomgueten, who the state of the state of the state of the state of the character's see, shoot the mother in the second act, and

have the hero die on Christmas or is it Easter, Max?" The critic's function is, in some small, indirect way, to elevate the taste of the surrounding society. This means that a critic should be a mod offenite opinions, have an idea of what theater should be, and have a notion of who is doing what: i.e. whether the actor is murdering the scene or whether the scene is so poorly written that there is no conceivable way for any man to

On all these counts, almost all the critics fail abomin-

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The overwhelming impression that one gets if one is exposed to any great body of the Broadway critics' work, is that they do not know how to write and that they do not know what they want to say. Instant reviewing is a genuinely difficult assignment, but the minimal qualifications which our hors bring to their task must make it harder still.

Surely, it is not too much to expect that a critic have an opinion of what he has just seen. After all, that is the primary reason these gentlemen are read: "Is it good or had? Should we go or not?" We want to know. Yet stating this opinion is just what these men in many cases do not

want to do. Most productions in the theater are not all black or all white, and qualifications and reservations must be stated or implied. But our critics, when confronted with this situation, tend to duck the points at issue and take refuse in vague chit-chat or background information. Brooks Atkinson, when confronted with a Shakespeare presentation, could always be counted on to tell you about the scenery, I remember one particularly impressive, wholly fictitions, ramble on the effect of a raked stage on a production of Othello, which featured a singularly godawful Othello, Mr. Atkinson's problem on these occasions, was that he knew Shakespeare to be a cultural good which he felt obliged to promote, but he felt, rightly, that the Bard of Avon was not being faithfully served by those who had charge of the proceedings. Since he generally had not the foggiest notion of what was really happening on stage, he would search desperately for something to write about when he returned to his cozy niche at the Times, and the next morning New York would read how graceful and truly impressive the draperies were.

Mr. Atkinson was a distinct improvement on the late Wolcott Gibbs critic of long-standing at the New Yorker, who reportedly often arrived at his first night seat three sheets to the wind, and who upon similar occasions wrote reviews that might have been titled, "How fortunate was Shakespeare that he lived before real playwrights like Sidney Kingsley or John

van Druten could show him up." Still, being completely off the subject is perhaps preferable to making a stab at it and missing so completely that no one can ever be sure what you said. Several years ago the World-Telegram had as its principal critic a certain Frank Aston who so successfully said nothing one way or the other about any slightly puzzling production (and to Mr. Aston, I think, they were all puzzling; that his editor dispatched him. However, this worthy tradition by no means left town on the same freight with Mr. Aston, and only a few weeks back, Mr. Richard Watts of the New York Post produced this gem on the subject of Arthur Miller's After the Fall: "His conclusion appears to be that one must realize that it is a lie to speak of infinite love in a world of confused relationships and ideas if any rational existence is to be maintained and made

bearable." This sentence has beauties far beyond that of ordinary prose. It looks as if it means something and seems eminently proper to say on such an august occasion as the opening of a new Arthur Miller metaphysical inquiry, but it actually avoids making any sense at all. Up until the "if" Mr. Watts is clear enough, but

after that he loses me and the rest of the English speaking world. Would it be the truth to speak of infinite love etc. if we didn't want to maintain a rational ex-

istence?

Mr. Watts would probably excuse himself by saying that he was rushed, the light was poor, his dinner disagreed with him: but I think that his kind of gray writing which looks like it ought to be saving something ponderous is a wonderful success, at least for him. Current critics don't want to say anything; they above all don't want to be sounded and found empty, so the reams of pretentious gibberish which they produce are strictly functional and serve their purposes admirably.

However, the generally abysmal writing of the critics has had the fortunate effect of diverting attention from the reports of Mr. John McClain of the Journal-American and Mr. Norman Nadel of the World Telegram. This is not wholly because what these gentlemen write is so far beneath the prevailing standard, but because it has more to do with the current cultural status of the organs for which they produce their reviews. In matters affecting the arts what the Times and Herald-Tribune have to say is important, and what anyone else may care to add is generally nowhere. The only way in which a critic could escape this bind is to write more knowingly or more amusingly than his fellows, and this Mesers, McClain and Nadel definitely

avoid doing. Mr. McClain is the sole remaining critic in the his town who can occasionally he made to protest that something or other he sees is "in bad taste." The quaint charm that this moral stance lends his reports is unfortunately not supported by

the exceedingly leaden quality of the surrounding sentences.

Mr. Nadel, on the other hand, is very much aware that he is reporting on the arts and that what he is writing about concerns the Beautiful and the True When reviewing anything with pretensions he can generally be counted on to strive for some fine effect and in so doing fall flat on his face. His peroration to Miller's After the Fall (which not unexpectedly, brought out the worst in many reviewers) went: "There is more than truth in After the Fall, more than drama in Kazan's staging of it. There is, in Miller's writing, an occasional cadence of poetry. How few the days are that hold the mind in place like a tapestry on four or five books . . Many such lines emerge, comfortable in dialogue, yet musical by themselves. A beautiful, remarkable play." (If a few more such lines had emerged the audience

would probably still be rolling in the

Mr. John Chapman of the Daily News writes for a journal of no cultural aspirations whatsoever. He, therefore, is not as "important" a critic as some, but he possesses certain unique virtues. He is unimpressed by large intentions and if a show hores him he is liable to walk out. He is at least bonest in expressing his opinions and usually has an opinion to express. On the ordinary commercial product and the play with the Big Theme and the Rotten Writing, he is a sound man. His mind seems to be that of the ordinary man of affairs who finds himself in the playhouse; from this vantage point

he expresses himself fluently. Unfortunately, such a mind is not equipped to judge anything truly original or finely drawn. Since this kind of experience is the best the theater has to offer. Chanman is a very limited critic who will miss the boat on most of what is really im-

portant. Mr. Richard Watts of the Post is, due to several cultural and sociological peculiarities of the New York theater scenea good man to have in your corner. His habit of beating around the bush has already been noted. What must be added here is that Mr. Watts is often thought of as the nicest person in New York. That is because he can always find a reason to suspect that your heart is in the right place and congratulate you for it. It is also because he continually expresses opioions which everybody else in New York always has ready on the tip of their tongues. Let there be a play about Negroes in the South, and Mr. Watts will tell you how it is about time that everybody should have his rights in this country. Let someone mention the atom bomb, and Mr. Watts is quick to add that it is a dangerous thing. He is a walking gold mine of

liberal cliches, and there is nothing peo-

ple think more satisfying than to have

their own glib sentiments thrown back to

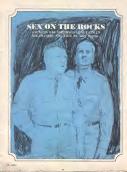
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He looked around at the dark, (turn page)

suspiciously. The post was very dark and quiet, "Where's Cole?" he asked. "He's not around " I said.

"Good," Joe said, "Right now I'd rather see a Chinese division than him."

"You got whiskey?" "I've got something better." "What could be better?"

Joe looked at me and grinned. He had a kind of little boy's slow grin that always implied mischief. I said, "The only thing better than

whiskey would be . . "Shhh," Joe said, jerking bis thumb over his shoulder, and now for the first time I noticed that he had something in the back seat, a large bundle like a bag of laundry. And then I swore that it stirred. I took a

closer look. (After all, I was on guard). It stirred again. "No," I whispered.

"Yes." Joe said with obvious pride, turning around. 'It can't be." I said.

"It is," Joe said. He reached his hand back and patted it. It stopped stirring. "From Seoul?" I asked.

Joe nodded. He was obviously damned pleased with himself.

"Let me have a look." I said. "Not here, man," Ice said, "Hop in," I climbed over the door and sat down and we drove a little ways up the road until we were comfortably past the post, then he nulled off the road into a little clump of trees where it was very dark and secluded, and parked. Joe switched off the ignition. We got out and he leaned over into the back seat and began untying the top of the bag, saying something quietly in Korean. He hadn't learned much Korean but he had learned the right words. I guess. As soon as he had the bag opened out popped a head and I was staring face to face with a young female Korean. She smiled shyly at me, her white teeth small and even. She was quite attractive, with small dark eyes and a pleasant coquettish face

"Koko," Joe said. "Ob brother." I said.

"She'll be a gold mine up here." Joe

"Uranium." I said. "She's no dummy either," Joe said. "She knows the score." "Good," I said. "Let's start the game."

"Take it easy, man, We've got to get her settled first "I suppose you've got that all figured

out." "Damn right," Joe said. "I've got a place all fixed up in the rocks. There's a small cave there. I've been fixing it up for a couple weeks now. I've got a mattress and blankets and some food up there."

"You're a senius" I said-"Damn right," Joe said, patting Koko "How you going to work this?" I asked. "Leave it to me," Joe said.

fondly on the head. She smiled very shyly-

"Does she understand English?" "All she understands is Joe Geeb," Joe said, "Right?" he said to Koko, nodding, and she-head sticking up out of the bag

-nodded and smiled, "She'll do anything I say." "Does she know what you're going to

sav?" I asked. "She knows everything."

"You're going to keep her up in the rocks?" I asked. "Believe me, that cave is more comfort-

able than your bunker." "What happens if Cole finds out?" "Why does he have to find out? Who's

going to tell him?" "Not me," I said-"Listen," Joe said, "I'm going to get her up there now. Don't say anything yet to

anybody." "Don't worry," I said. Joe went thumbs down and the head

popped down and disappeared as neatly as something in a vaudeville act. Joe winked at me and got into the jeep and took off. I began walking back down the road, feeling better already. I saw Joe the next day and be said that

everything was set. After mess we went up to the rocks. It wasn't an easy climb nor was it an easy place to find (although none of the boys ever complained about it). The cave was tucked beneath a craggy over-hanging ledge, and if you didn't know just where it was you couldn't of found it in a month. When Joe led me into the cave. I was surprised that one of those places could have ever been so civilized. The entrance was very small, you had to crouch to get through, but inside you could stand up straight (although there wasn't going to be much of that in here). It was fairly deep, too, It was dark and cool and Joe had made it look fairly comfortable, especially with Koko lying there on the little cot mattress, and for a second I remembered what one of the medica had said a few weeks before: "Who the hell would want to steal one of those

mattresses?" Koko smiled when we came in. She had the smile all right. She was wearing dark slacks and a white sweater. She looked pretty trim. Joe sat down on a

large flat rock and lit a cigarette. "Y'know." he said. "I've been dreaming of something like this all my life. I can

"Cole would love to catch you at this," I said. "He won't. I'm always one jump shead of that boy."

Koko just couldn't take her eyes off him. Ion had that way with people, It didn't necessarily mean that she was in

make a fortune here."

love with him, just that she was fascinated or hypnotized by his brash, buoyant charm. Every so often he would smile at her, not affectionately or condescendingly either, but in a sort of impish way, like one lighthearted conspirator to another.

"I can see this working out fine," Joe said. "Just fine."

Well it did work out fine. The word spread and soon Joe had the whole company climbing up through the rocks. He knew a few of the little tricks too. He had bought a hundred or so of these tiny lockets that you wore around your necktraded cigarettes for them actually, he seldom bought anything-and told Koko to give one to each fellow that came in. as sort of a remembrance, or, as Joe described it, "the personal touch." He fig-ured the boys would like that, and they certainly did. They all wore them around their necks or had them on chains and were just as proud of them as they would have been of Distinguished Service Medals Cole knew something was going on all

right. He was too good a man, had been Regular Army for too long not to know that something was going on. And he was also too shrewd not to watch Joe Geeb as Ice had been in the middle of too many of these things before. He began watching los all the time, his gnarled sour face and thin shrewd skeptical eyes following Joe wherever the latter went. It was because Cole was so intent upon watching Ine that he tended to overlook the rest of the scene-which consisted of eager young G.I.'s disappearing up into the rocks all the time. This went on for weeks. Joe walked

around whistling and maintaining this angelic innocence that infuristed Cole. They would pass each other in the mess hall or by the creek or somewhere else and Joe would smile and Cole would glaresometimes even stop cold and turn and watch Joe's nonchalant swinging gait, listening furiously to Joe's maddening lighthearted whistling.

Then, after this excruciating surveillance failed. Cole struck upon a different tack. He stopped concentrating exclusively upon Joe and began watching the rest of us. He moved around the post like a predatory shadow, watching everything and everybody. I could see this and warned Joe

about it. "You'd better get her out of there while you're still ahead," I said.

"Are you crazy?" Joe said. "I'm raking in a fortune. I've even got guys coming over from Company F. This can spread

through the whole Eighth Army." "What are you planning on doing-fixing up every goddam cave in Korea with a girl?" "I don't know what you're so jumpy

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changed ranch, here they? We were part dressing when we thought that good old Grandfad could for a weeked peak at a "wall-turned again" or projective who had accomed to

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about. Nobody will find out about her."
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something again. It's only a matter of time before he catches on."

"He'll never dig it. He's too blind. He thinks too much of himself to even think

thinks too much of himself to even think of anything like this going on under his nose."
"He'll have to find out sooner or later. Do you realize how many guys know about

it and how many more are going to find out? How long do you think that many guys can hold a secret?"
"Don't worry about the Geeb," Joe said. "He'll get you court-martialed," I said.

"Listen, worrybutt," Joe said, "if it ever comes down to me and Cole I can take care of him. I doe't care how much he might happen to have on me, I can outfox him even when he's got me by the short hairs.

Well that was Joe. Confidence supreme. It want just gottim: There was a lot of honest self-foundance in him which he neer lost, not even when we were on the line-which is a pretty good test.

It was beginning to show on Cole. He was getting more and more instable every day, It was becoming an obsession. One night-I had pulled guard again-the came by taking to himself. It int whickey, to work the contract of the

it's something though . . . something . . . "

I suppose there's a chance that it might

have gone on indefinitely if Sanderson hand't come up with that store on his lip. The word got around as fast as though it were a rumor of an armistice. Cole came walking by the medic's tent and saw the lineup there—there must have been about forty of them, waiting for blood tests. And cole of the cole of the cole of the cole of cole cities. As soon as Cole saw them the light went on. He went straight to Joe's hunker.

"All right," he said, storming in.
"All right what?" Joe asked blandly.
"There's forty guys lined up in front

of the medic. The first guy has a sore on his mouth. Now before they come in here and open you up with rusty bayonets I want you to tell me where she is."

want you to tell me where she is."
"Who?" Joe said, his face still innocent,
even injured.
Cole-who was a fairly hig and very

rugged man—reached down and picked Joe up from the cot with one hand and stood him up straight. "Where is she?" he asked again, quielty this time, his voice indicating that Joe had no more margin left and had better not suppose that he had. Joe was bright enough to realize this and not push any further. "I'll show you," Joe said.

"You've syphed up the whole company," Cole said. 25-caper "That hasn't been proved yet," Joe said.
"She's clean. I'll bet on that."
"Come on. Let's bring ber out."

"Come on. Let's bring her out."
"What are you going to do?"
"Tm going to do you a favor."

Joe looked at him warily. "Such as?"

Cole pushed him toward the door.
"Move out," he said. "And you'd better
avoid those guys by the medic. You

avoid those guys by the medic. You wouldn't stand a chance."

They cut around the back way and went up toward the rocks. Cole had a

smooth, almost smug, look on his face, as though he knew he had a good move up his sleeve.

"This shouldn't hit you so bard," Joe

said. "God, even the colonel keeps one in his place in Scoul."
"You leave the colonel out of this," Cole said heatedly. Cole idolized the old

man, had served under him ever since North Africa.

They got up to the cave and ducked inside. Koko smiled ingratiatingly at Cole and started to hand him one of the lockets, but Joe shook his head and Koko's smile

but Joe shook his head and Koko's smile turned to a frown as Cole just stood there and glared down at her. "Geeb," Cole said, "I've waited a long time for this."

"Listen, Sarge," Joe said. "Do what you want with me, but give her a break."

Cole snickered. "That's mighty gallant of you. But you know damned well that you'd sell a thousand like her down the

river to save your neck."
Joe shrugged.
"She's been around," Cole said. "She knows, she knows,

Koko, who neither spoke nor understood English (except for some of Joe's ocrambled variety) was sitting there staring quite bewilderedly from one to the other.

"She's just a kid," Joe said.
"I said I was going to do you a favor,"
Cole reminded him. "I'm not going to turn
either of you in."

Joe remained wary of that. He watched Cole who had turned to him now, grinning sardonically. "Not a bit of that," Cole said.

"Not a bit of that," Cole said.
"No?"
"You know I could though. And you

"You know I could though. And you know what would happen if I did. You and this beauty would have a long time to think things over."

Joe modded, rubbing his finger down

the bridge of his nose.

"You must think a mighty lot of this girl," Cole said. "Of all the prostitutes in Seoul you brought her up here to pimp off to your buddies. You must think an awful

id. to your buddies. You must think an owful ad lot of her."

Joe was rubbing around the point of his chin now, still watching Cole.

"So," Cole said, "being that you have this unusual affection for this girl I'm going to do you the great favor of seeing that you and her become cemented in the holy bonds of matrimony."

Joe's hand dropped. He stared at Cole,

then at Koko, then back to Cole. It didn't take him more than thirty seconds—he told me later—to come up with his solution. "That's a pretty cool move," he said.

"Indt's a pretty cool move," ne said
"But you can't do it."
"Oh no?"
"She's already got one."

"One what?"

"One husband."

Cole looked down at her. Koko smiled

up at him.
"I don't believe it," Cole said.
"Ask her," Joe said.

"Ask her," Joe said.
Cole looked back to bim. "You know I can't talk that monkey talk."
"It's true just the same."

"All right," Cole said. "So she's got a husband. So you think that takes you off the hook. Well it doesn't. Because now I'm bringing you in-the both of you."

"You don't want to do that," Joe said.
"Don't I?" Cole said, sweetly, venomously.
"Look, Sergeant. We've been together
for quite a while out here. We've gone
through combat together, bardships, said
all that. We haven't always seen eye to

all that. We haven't always seen eye to eye, but just the same I feel kind of close to you. I look up to you. All the boys do." Cole was nodding, the sarcasm bright across his face.

Cole was nodding, the sarcasm bright across his face.
"Sure, sure, sure," he said.
"No, I'm dead serious," Joe said. "You

want to hook us up. Well I'll tell you something you're not going to believe. I would marry her if I could. She's a terrific girl. I brought her up here as a morale builder. The boys needed something like her. She's got a terrific personality."

"They've been paying five dollars to come up here and listen to ber talk Korean."
"Of course not. But listen Sarge, you don't want to bring us in on this. How

would it look for the company? I mean having a fine old Top who let something like this go on right under his nose for all these weeks? What would the old man say?"

That hit Cole pretty straight. He hadlike most of those old timers—a terrific pride.

"We could ease her out of bere tonight and no one would ever know about it," Joe said.

Joe said.
"What about those guys down at the medic?"

"I tell you she's clean," Joe said.
"All right. Assuming she is. Then
what?"

"You just let me pack her up and take her back to Seoul. I'll kiss her goodhye, let her fade back into the crowd . . . ." Joe spread his arms apart to indicate the

simplest logic.

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# FROM BUM TO BARON, OLD BOOZERS ARE BEST. BY M. M. MARSHARY

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Radina got away to a fast start, downing seven quarts of porter in the first sixteen minutes. Big Rahby was not worried. He was taking it easy, pacing himself, and only got away with five quarts. Awaline and the same of the same and the sa

William Pitt, England's great Prime Minister, was another Briton who seemed to have a vandulum lined somach and a bladder the size of a watermelon. Pitt drain tonling plut port—100 proof port that was stronger than most of the whiskey sold today. Wherever Pitt was, during his waking hours, a port boutlet was always near at hand. Pitt always explained that he drain for medicinal purposes. '4s. a child he had been sickly, and the does had suggested he drink a few drons of whise for the somach's safe.

At the time, a prodigious drinker of port was known as a three-bottle man, an expression that has come down to us today, although many people think this refers to beer. On Kent Road in London today there is a tavern which bears a placard attesting to the fact that Pitt had drunk six bottles of port in one sitting.

Port caught up with Pitt. In his later years he still had the yen for the drink but not the ability to consume it. His hands were so palsied that he could not lift the glass to his lips. This problem was solved by his loyal friends, who would pour the stuff down his throat. Pitt died aged 47.

About 25 years ago in Newark, New Jersey, a man maned Jodie Burr won \$5 in a drinking contest that attracted the attention of hard drinking longshores men. A man in a salson was demonstrating however it was to drink a pint of beer in one gulp. This trick, of course, has been accomplished by many people. "That's kid stuff," said Jodie. "I can drink a pint of brandy without taking my mouth off the bottle".

Jodie proceeded to do just that. "See how easy it is?" he said, collecting his five dollar bet. He then headed out of the bar to buy a new hat. When he reached the door he fell down dead.

There is a man with a much more celebrated name who could put away far more brandy than Jodie Burr. He is Winston Churchill, who reputedly until he was 80 consumed a bottle of cognac every day. Churchill was in the United States one time and spotted a tank car on a siding. He declared that the brandy he had drunk in his life would fill the tank car to overflowing. The experts got out their slide rules and figured that,

as usual, Winston was right.

Once, after World War II, that golden liquid, brandy, was saluted in the House of Commons. It was described as "the drink that enabled the Prime Minister, aided by his bottle a day, to carry on his noble work to a successful conclusion." A member of the House rose and asked, "Are we speaking of a pint bottle of brandy or a quart bottle". No one answered the question, but Churchill was heard to mutter, "Do they put out brandy in those little ipin bottles"

One of England's blue-bloods, the Duke of Clarence, was so found of Malmest phat he often declared he would like to die drinking his favorite wine. Years later, strangely enough, his wish was granted. The Duke was caught plotting against the king and sentenced to death. He was allowed to choose how he should die. The Duke asked to be drowned in Malmsey wine.

He was led to the "gallows"—a hogsbead containing 140 gallons of Malmey. Clarence was stripped of his clothing, given a few preliminary swallows of Malmey to warm up, so to speak, and then was thrown headfirst into the vat. He tried to drink his way out was drowned. The jalions then started drinking up the Malmey. One turnkey, clearly no seasoned drinking man, complained the wine had "a peculiar state."

One of the most notorious drinkers in history was the noted Greek professor, Richard Porson, who had a body deficiency that made him perpetually thirsy, Porson, an Englishman, would drink anything, water excepted, of course. He declared drinking water made him fewerish, and he had to protect his health.

One day a friend visited Porson and said he would like to take a bath. The friend deposited two bottles on the mantlepicte before getting into the tub. When he had finished bathing he looked around for the bottles and found they had disappeared. "I dearsh them," Porson explained, "Decause they were there." The Forson they had the property of the contraction of the contract rubbing alcohol, the other Linaloid, an old form of turpentine. Porson was not dismayed, "The Linaloid has a nicer bite to is," he remarked unconcernedly.

Posso once visited Hoppner, the portrait painter, and demanded a drink Hoppner explained his wife was a prohibitionist and would no permit a drop of liquor to be kept in the house. To Porton, this was proof that Mrs. Hoppner was a hypocrite, a secret drinker. "She gas a bottle hidden somewhere, in her bedroom likely, that she suck on from somewhere her bedroom likely, that she suck on from somewhere in the bedroom likely, that she suck on from somewhere her bedroom likely, that she suck on from she will be the bedroom and indeed found a bottle stowed deep in a closet. Porson downed the contents and pronounced it the best (turn page)

Cole thought it over for a moment. "All right," he said. "All right. Get her the hell out of here. Just get her the hell out of here."

It turned out that all Sanderson had was a old sore, that Koko had been clean after all. Naturally the boys were distressed when they learned that she was gone. All Joe said was that she had wanted to go back. He took bet back the same way she had got there—in a jeep at sigh, conceided in the same large duffie bag. He they out in Sooil and came that they wanted they wanted they wanted they have been also should be the second to be soon and came that they wanted have been the end of

her in far as we were concerned, except for a little incident that courned one evening while loe and I were cleaning by the colone's quarters. The old man came the colone's quarters. The old man came have been supposed to the colone of the good evening to us, which was quite a monthful for him. Gole came in with some reports, so the three of an were monthful for him. Gole came in with some reports, so the three of an were loosened his collar and sat down behalf the close of the collar and sat down behalf the deck. Gole was handing him this reports and he saw it first. He just stopped looked at this and followed his gate. There around the old man's neck, Joe, who was sweeping, saw it just then too. It estopped and leaned on his broom and grinned. Cole turned and glared at him, murdersoully. The old man hooked up at us, still joival as hell. I turned away. This was too much. Cole became flustered and started to shuffle his sheaf of reports. But Joe. He had to say somethings.

"That's a mighty fine piece of jewelty you have there, sir," he said.

The old man bent his betod to have a look at it, all his chins rolling up under him. He looked up at Joe, smiling coyly, "An old family heirloom, Private," be said. "Just an old family heirloom,"

### Legendary Lushes (Continued from page 27)

gin he ever had tasted. He saked Hoppner to find out from his wife where she bought such a wonderful intexticant. Hoppner was uppet, learning his wife was a secret insider, and told her he was going to discussed to the secret find the sec

what he was like when soler, because he never was seen soler. The minute he awakened in the morning he reached down under his bed and took a couple sedge at a night he placed a bentle of whitely under his pillow. Porson liked to explain that he was a religious man-he was only under his pillow. Porson liked to explain that he was a religious man-he was only described that he was a religious man-he was only the place of the place of

During Porson's era, the 18th century, there was one drink that only the most jaded of palates could stomach. It was called Three-Man Wine, consisting of the dregs of the cheapest and strongest wines available, seasoned with a little straight alcohol. London taverns used to sell the concoction by the shotglass: but Porson so delighted in the drink that he stocked his cellar with dozens of bottles. Three-Man Wine got its name from the alleged fact that it took three men to drink it. One man held down the drinker, another poured it down his throat, while the third man was the drinker himself. No one ever had to hold Porson down to drink Three-Man Wine. He found the mixture "a little weakish, and certainly with no character,

Richard Brinsley Sheridan, the playwright, had a more cultivated palate. He liked the best in wines, and his hosts often

but serviceable."

found their cellars depleted after a visit. Once a Duchos decided to cut down on expenses by palming off an inferior wine on the insatiable Sheridan. "Speaking of cheap wine," Sheridan began. "But we weren't speaking of cheap wine," the Duchos protested, "we were speaking of the London stage." "Speaking of cheap the London stage." "Speaking of cheap

was one of those little lockets, right

wine . . ." Sheridan repeated, inpping the claret bottle. The Duchess got the point. She ordered her best wine be served, and Sheridan stayed as her guest for three days, until the wine was gone. Sheridan once stooped in a tavern to

get a southing drink of ale. He sipped at it and then showed the glass aside in disgust. The tavern-keeper was a burly, pugnacious individual. "Are you about to say something about our ale," he asked, flexing his arms. "I never speak ill of the dead." Sheridan realised.

Even in his cupe Sheridan was a model of politeness. One night he was going home from a party when he heard a cry. "Lift me up. lift me up." He looked around and found a man fast on his back in a muddy ditch. "I couldn't possibly lift you up," said Sheridan, "but I will gladly lie down beside you." And he did.

Sheridan was convinced that wine was a great aphrodisiac, and when in his cups he was apt to grab the nearest women. He was what the British called a Number five man. There were believed to be seven stages of drunkenness:

 Ape-drunk, when a celebrant made a fool of himself.

 Lion-drunk, when he thought he was the bravest man in the world and wanted to fight.
 Swine-drunk, when he rolled in the

gutter, like Sheridan's ditch-companion.

4. Sleep-drunk, when he suddenly lost interest in the company and became drowsy.

5. Goat-drunk, when he fancied himself

an irresistible lover.

6. Martin-drunk, when he became excessively hoastful.

7. Fox-drunk, when he became crafty or when he thought himself crafty.

When The Right Reverend Cyril Bratenose, a clergyman of Swinham, England, died early in the 19th-century, bis parishioners got the surprise of their lives. Brasenose was known as a man particularly opposed to the evils of dirink, and

Brasensee was known as a man parties, and opportunity of drink, and many of his sermons were devoted to the evils of drink, and many of his sermons were devoted to the evils caused by Demons Riom. But when kept a diarry and in it recorded that for he last twelve years he had drunk three bottles of claret each evening. The diary did not reveal bow he had managed to amongale some 13,000 ensury butters out of Brasensee's journal also revealed that

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Alas, the story has an unhappy ending.
For, once the Reverend stopped "Tapping
the Admiral"—drinking on the sly, that is
—he began to waste away and he died.
The phrase, "Tapping the Admiral,"
came into circulation shortly after the

death of Lord Horatio Nelson at the battle of Tratisgar. The body of the hero was placed in a hogshead which was filled with rum, the rum being used as a preservative. The sailors bored a hole into the hogshead and drank it down to its last drop, it was admitted that the last tenth of the hogshead tasted "a little gamy." To this day, the rum served to sailore. To this day, the rum served to sailore.



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she passed beneath, a barrage of cigarette butts landed at her feet. She shook the parasol menacingly. "Mean things. Evil girls. I'll get you.

"Mean things. Evil girls. I'll get you.
I'll get you." The girls' wild laughter
echoed down the block. The boys danced

merrily between the pillars.
"Don't you wish those pillars were

real?" screamed Connie.
"Trick or Treat?" laughed Georgia.
"Dirty little slobs. Look at how hot
they're making the street," added Leana

softly. A policeman nodded toward the terrace. "Clap! Clap! Clap! Hey Officer, wannabuy \$2.00 worth of social disease?" whispered Connie. The boys continued dancing and the policeman walked in the other

direction.
"Blossom and Bloom Clap Capers,"
Georgia said doubling over with laughter.
Connie interrupted her fun with a pinch

on the behind.
"Common gutter tramps," added Leans bitterly.

"Yea take them much too seriously, MAH DEAR. We ought to pay dear little Blossom and his slut, just to keep the 'blue faces' occupied. The way the hungry dears are after money these days, they'll be around forever. They're all hungry, If we're not careful, before we know it, SLURP goes 'blue face built-frogs' after the sleeping files."

"Tell me something new Georgia," retorted Leana and left the terrace. Connie watched intently as the tiny dark head disappeared through the door. Georgia looked at Connie in amazement. "Now what's wrong?" the asked. Con-

nie shrugged her shoulders and leaned further over the railing. She too was beginning to feel depressed, but knew there was nothing to be gained by showing it. "Oh I know. It's probably the show. After last week's 'cardiac case' I doubt

if she'll ever look forward to entertaining. I've never seen her so shaken. They practically turned the place into a morgue. It upset me too, but Leana really flipped."
"Holy mouth to mouth resuscitation."

sighed Connie.

"The only objection I had was that damned ambulance being called. I don't know what, if anything, Big Miller could have been thinking. But knowing Miller's always out to make a big noise, I hardly expected him to act any differently."

"It saved his life, didn't it?" interjected Leana as she rejoined them. "It almost put an end to ours," Connie

"It was those good after dancing odors that did it. Leave it to little ole Georgia Mae, I'll knock 'em dead anytime." Geogia began to giggle loudly. Connie pinched Leana jokingly. "Come on, laugh, bitch," she said laughingly. "I don't take death quite that lightly," snapped Leans.

"Excuse the hell out of me. Sorry I pinched the goddess."

"To give you some idea of what I mean, look at the corner island. They've only been standing there for half an hour, looking up at our comic faces the whole

time." Leana's voice was edged with hysteria.
"What?" asked Georgia.

"Across the boulevad." Leana pointed toward the pedestrians' island where a group of black garbed women lingered. "Count them," she demanded and walked inside.

"Eight."

"Eight? So what?" As Connie asked her brow furrowed furiously.

"Hey silly, come back out. They're harmless. So the eight get ate." Georgia

nudged Connie in hopes of laughter. "Eight, sweet, little, women-folk all dressed in black waiting for the hearne to deliver the corpe, and little leann thinks they're the Devil," said Connie sarcustically. Leans appeared in the docuvary with a bottle of Yodka. She held it against the device of the said of the control that the said of the control that the said of the control stopped her laughter. She and Connie exchanged worted glances.

"Here's to Death's hoes below," announced Leana before she gulped the limor.

"It's a bad sign. Something bad is going to happen, or maybe it already bas," she said wiping her mouth. She pushed the bottle into Connie's folded arms. "Did Miller call?" asked Georgia.

"No, and he won't be calling ever again.
The fat man is dead and Big Miller blames Gus. Which one do you think is the widow?"
Leann's arms trembled slightly and her the breathing was very ranid.

"Stop your hysteria. They ain't coming up here, regardless of which one is the widow, mother, sister, concubine or daughter. I doubt if they will even cross the

street," Georgia said angrily.

"Today is Thursday, the eighth. The performance begins at eight, and if those eight mandlin faces don't unglue their eyes, I'm going to blow all eight seams."
Leana ierked the bottle from Connie's

"Hey pusys, take it easy. Couldn't this be regarded as a good omen?" Connie watched Leuna's neck moving almost spastically. "I think you're over-dramatiring. Don't you want to do the show? Is that what's wrong?" She stroked the back of Leuna's head in an effort to calm her. With the other hand she took the Vedka bottle. "Come on, give it back." Leans re-

folded arms.

leased the bottle and Connie took her by the arm and led her inside the apartment. "You just want an excuse to get drunk," said Ceorgia, following them into their dressing room. Comie sat at the vanity table in gloomy silence. She was annoyed at Leans for having suggested something bad would happen. Why should the woom considered good lack as well as mildertune. Leans went into the bath believing for institution, but so did Comie and Georgia because Leans had once worked with grosses and they had taught her the signs of ceil. Comise lit a cigarette and waterled her reflection in the compact light of the

"Oh hell," she said in resignation.
"What's wrong with you? Suddenly
we're the GLOOMS," said Georgia.
"Bad conscience perhaps. What else

"Bad conscience permaps. What else would you call it? I'm not paranoid like e some people."

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Leans looked usto the steam streaked among at the tilly lines around the eyes. hair off her face, struck a pose with parted lips, and though about her feding beauty. "Will we have time to wash the stocklags?" she called through the door. "Voi know this in the week for technique, Lean chapt?" she called through the door. "Voi know this in the week for technique, Lean Christian was very angay." She pinched her freshly scrabbed face. The blotches dolded ooler and the deep lines around her eyes ween no longer assisteable. She smilled at herelf in the mirror.

"He was so miserable. He hardly laughed the entire evening. Let's do it for him, please Con." Lean pecked out of the bathroom, a bright smile covering her facc.

"That old fop bugs me to no end," said

"That old top Bugs me to no end," said Georgia.
"Seriously Georgia. Let's do the stocking thine."

"Ōkay. Okay," snapped Connie.
"You wash them sweetle." Georgia realized Leana's mood had changed. She seemingly had gained interest beyond forecasting their doom.

Connie shook her head sorrowfully and left the dressing room, Georgia listened as her heels clicked against the parquet floor heading toward the terrace. She sighed deeply and reached into her bra for the huge diamond ring which had been cutting into her flesh. The lamp caught itself magnificently in it. She looked into the mirror at its sparkle and made a silent wish. Her eyes became moist with tears as the thoughts crowded into her head. She rested her head in the palms of her hands and cried softly, "Stop it. They can make it without you." She peeked between her fingers at the ring resting on her left hand and smiled. The hathroom door opened to Leans clutching a large blue towel. "Where's

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He didn't know what that was for, and the seeming stupidity of it made him angry again. "What did you bring that for? I don't need a drink of anything." Lisa didn't answer him, but spoke to Adam, "Play with your matches, Adam," she said, and then walked toward Mark. He heard a pfft, and saw Adam, holding the match up to his face, grinning at the flash of flame. He realized she had no intention of answering him, or even looking at his leg, for that matter, and a little tongue of fear began licking at his brain. She was emptying the can all around him on the floor and splashing the liquid

handle and a long and dented spigot.

erect and stop her. It was kerosene-He tried to speak, to stop her, the broken leg forgotten, but in panic and confusion, only noises and grunts, something like "ungh, ungh," came out. He tried to raise himself higher, but his arms trembled and collapsed. He sprawled

there, watching her. Lisa went back to the door and turned and threw the can on the floor in front of her. It clunked and some more kerosene gurgled from the spout. Adam had just struck his third match and was staring at the flame. Lisa touched his arm,

and he paid attention to her for the first time since he'd come in the shack. "Throw it, Adam, over there. Near the Adam grinned at her and threw the

match. Mark shrank back as a whoosh of heat and light filled the shack around bim. He threw his hand up and felt the hair on the back of it singe off. He tried again to scream, but the hot air rammed his voice down his throat and scorched his lungs. The dried timbers were sprouting into flame

The skin on his exposed face and hands began to blister, and the last thing he remembered in the terrible agony sweeping over him was Lisa and Adam standing

together outside the cabin, watching, Adam was holding bis remaining matches in a fist in front of him, but for once he wasn't interested in them. He was staring and grinning as the cabin turned into a ball of flame bigger than any he had ever seen.

### against the wall. When he got the first whiff of it, the fear suddenly raged through him and made him try to stand Eight by Eight (Continued from page 41)

women seemingly swaved before her rage. "It's Tom." Georgia said enthusiastically. She stretched out her hand and he kissed it. "You'd better check on Leana. We have company outside the building and Leana's convinced they're here to get revenge for the fat man's death." "She's nuts. Don't worry, I'll do what

I can. Where's Connie?"

"She's in the bath. Do you want her?" "No. it can wait." Tom disappeared onto the terrace, and Leana came inside within seconds. She hurried past Georgia, a look of pain on her face. "And put some more make-up on, you look like we snatched you out of a kindergarten class." Tom stood there for a moment and then returned to the terrace. He thought about the fat man gasping for air, and the smell of ammonia filling the overheated room. He watched the women without perceiving anything threatening. To him they looked tragic, like lead mourners in a funeral procession. The air outside was changing. It smelled like rain on a river. He remembered how Leans had shricked, and the disinterested manner in which the ambulance attendants had handled the man's body. Tom was unaccustomed to death even if his life had led inevitably to it. The fat man died three days later. The women had been imposed upon by a shabbily dressed man in his sixties. Tom chuckled to himself. The neighborhood was filled with derelicts, and how the women bad managed to stand there without attracting one's attention was a source of amazement to Tom. A man gestured wildly with his fist. The women circled him protestingly, and then one by one moved away. A short squat woman remained. Her arms crossed, she stood as if her fat legs had been implanted in the cement. The man had stopped his threatening gestures. He seemed to be speaking in earnest. A look of utter defiance emanated from

the very pores of her jelly-like body. "Go on old woman, your trick is turned," yelled Tom. The man continued talking. Tom left the terrace and closed the heavy wooden doors. "Come on girls." He snapped his fingers like a maitre, "Not much time left. More make-up Leana-Georgia, the stole is hanging like you've grown a tail. Connie, my precious, you look absolutely gorgeous." He patted Connie's soft blond head, "Did the habit come back from the cleaners?" He reached into the open closet for the

his shoulder. "Did they leave?" asked Connie. The other girls stopped to hear his reply. "Yeah, One of the derelicts from across the boulevard finally took notice and

scared the zippers out of their skirts." The girls smiled at one another.

At eight o'clock, Tom removed the beary chain. The first key was inserted by Mr. Christian, "Always on time, hub, Mr. Christian?" Tom said politely. He led him into the living room. Within the next twenty minutes, the entire guest list, excepting one name, had received its red check mark. Tom drew a heavy red line through the one remaining, and turned the music up to a roar. The girls made their entrance like a bunch of boisterous gyosies. The chiffon flowed through the air turning it pink, blue, and black. The men applauded and the two women guests cleared their throats, Mr. Christian languished between two youngish, fat gentlemen. Leans caught his eye and began swirling about the floor in a dervish. Georgia unsnapped the books of her shoulder straps. The gown slipped away slowly. One of the guests thought himself to be dreaming and pinched his nose. She shook her body from head to toe. Connie. her damp blond hair framing her face.

posed majestically with a silver bell in her tiny hand. She rang it loudly each time Georgia's gown slipped. The two girls whirled around Leana in a swirl of pink. Sweat rolled down the guests' faces. Mr. Christian straightened his tie and sat erectly. Georgia, the gown now at her ankles, laughed shrilly. Connie tossed the bell into the air and began to disrobe. The two women gripped the arms of the high-backed chairs and sighed.

"How terribly civilized," whispered one youngish fat gentleman to the other. Tom, backless choir robe. "Careful of spills." with an obvious air of disapproval, ushered He unfurled it grandly and slung it over the late guest into the room. The long white stockings dangled from his breast pocket like an oversized handkerchief. Mr. Christian spied the stockings and coughed in anticipation. Tom tossed them at Georgia. She danced merrily across the floor with them extended toward their guest. A sigh parted Mr. Christian's lips. Tom handed the backless robe to Leana, she

stood, put it on, and clasped her hands angelically. Connie rang the bell while Georgia dressed her long slim legs in the white stockings. Mr. Christian sat back in blissful neace. Tom switched the overhead lights off and on to signal the end of the performance. The last guest to arrive, a shabbily dressed man, walked over to him and thrust a wad of money into Tom's free

"Tell Georgia, I'll be waiting across the street." Before Tom could answer, the man was gone. He hurried the girls into their dressing room.

"Is there something wrong?" asked Connie "Look. The old man left it and said to

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